

ation amounting to 181,000 acres, and sheep number 3,500,000. To day there is a population of 3½ millions, 8,000,000 acres of land under cultivation, and 96,000,000 sheep in the country. At the former date the exports were valued at \$6,500 000, and are now worth \$270,000,000, while the imports have risen from 10,000,000 to 320,000,000 of dollars. The deposits in the banks have risen to upwards of 400,000,000, and the miles of railway to 9,500. The total amount of gold raised *prior* to 1887 has been estimated at 1,580,000,000, while the private wealth of Australia—aside from Crown lands—is placed by the Government statistics of New South Wales at \$6,000,000. Such figures demonstrate the immense progress of the country, and enable us to realize how the Australians are able to bear an aggregate national debt of 830,000,000 *without difficulty*, while we grumble at a debt of less than 300,000,000 with a far larger population. The great difficulty in Australia has always been the lack of water, and the internal development of the country, aside from its mines, cannot proceed without a constant expenditure upon works of irrigation. When this great problem has been effectually disposed of we expect to see the Island Continent enter upon a career of, if possible, still greater prosperity. In other ways the progress of the people has been wonderful. The wool of the country does much towards supplying the wants of the world, while it produces wheat, beef and mutton enough to feed the inhabitants of an empire, and promises to rival France in the production of wine, and Spain in the growth of oranges." * * *

"One of the most remarkable points in Australian progress is the rise of these great cities. "Marvellous" Melbourne as it is so often called, with its 400,000, of a population, (why should we not have "Marvellous" Toronto?) its splendid buildings and great capitalists, its broad streets, and the massive, solid appearance of its architecture is one of the most remarkable instances of urban progress which can anywhere be found. Then we find Sydney, the capital of New South Wales, the oldest of the Australian cities, with the English